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Dear Nevada Certified Organic Producer,

This letter is to remind you that the Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA) has again entered into a cooperative agreement with the USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service to offer the Organic Certification Cost-Share Program for the 2013-2014 season. This program is intended to help offset costs of obtaining and continuing organic certification. Qualified applicants may receive up to 75% of eligible fees paid; up to a maximum of \$750.00.

USDA-certified organic producers certified or continuing certification during the period between October 1, 2013 and September 30, 2014 may apply for cost-share reimbursement.

**The deadline to submit application for cost-share reimbursement to NDA is December 1, 2014.**

Because you are a NDA-certified producer you do not need to attach any documents to the application for cost-share reimbursement. We already have on file a copy of your certificate and receipts for payment of certification fees and inspection fees to verify payment.

Organic producers certified by a USDA-accredited certifier other than NDA and that are located in the state of Nevada are also eligible to request reimbursement funds from NDA. In this case, a copy of a current, valid organic certificate and receipts for payment of certification, continuation of certification and inspection costs must be attached to the application.

Please see the attached list of "Allowable and Unallowable Costs" which lists costs that may be reimbursed as well as those which are ineligible. Please also visit "Organic Cost Share FAQ" on the National Organic Program's website <http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSV1.0/nop> if you have further questions about allowable and unallowable expenses.

Attached is a Cost Share Program application for your convenience. Applications are also available on the NDA Organic Program page at [http://agri.nv.gov/Plant/Organic\\_Certification/Organic\\_Certification\\_Home](http://agri.nv.gov/Plant/Organic_Certification/Organic_Certification_Home).

**Remember, completed applications must be postmarked by close of business on December 1, 2014.**

Please contact me if you have questions 775-353-3672 or [pgmckie@agri.nv.gov](mailto:pgmckie@agri.nv.gov).

Regards,

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